

MEMORANDUM FOR : Assistant Legislative Counsel

SUBJECT : Amendment to Missing Persons Act
Covering Alien Employees

REFERENCE : Your Memorandum, Same Subject, dated
13 December 1963

1. As requested, we have reviewed the Department of State's legislative proposal for amendments to the Missing Persons Act to include coverage of aliens employed by the United States Government.

2. As noted in reference, the legislative proposal contains two basic features:

a. Coverage under the Missing Persons Act would be extended to aliens employed by the Federal Government outside the United States, and

b. alien coverage would be made retroactive to 31 December 1945.

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4. Although we must recommend against the Department of State's legislative proposal, it is our hope that we can continue to be attentive to the plight of missing or captured alien personnel and to provide some measure of assistance where needed and justified. While we should not be encumbered with administering missing persons benefits automatically granted, in the fashion proposed by the Department of State, we should be able to develop some other approach to this problem, including some provision for accrual of benefits for the alien or assistance to his survivors. In this connection, an example of what has been done is attached, and it demonstrates how the Agency can resolve these situations on an individual basis while at the same time maintain some degree of flexibility and security, without the many problems involved in the administration of a statutory benefit.

Emmett D. Echols
Director of Personnel

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| <p>Joe - I am attaching unsigned a memo which [] [] drafted for Mr. Echols' signature commenting on State's Missing Persons legis- lative proposal. I have discussed this with [] and we feel that [] memo gets out of O/P's sphere somewhat. However, we agree with the conclusion reached by [] and by [] that this proposal appears undesirable from the Agency's point of view.</p> <p>[]</p> | | | | | |
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| <p><i>1 to 3: Any comment?</i></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 30px; margin: 10px auto;"></div> <p>3 to 4: We concur fully with the proposed reply to Legislative Counsel. Should the proposed bill begin to receive favorable consideration by Congress we feel the agency should ask for a "closed" hearing and/or request exemption from the Bill.</p> | | | |
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